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Iowa Women's Hall of Fame Ceremony Held

Four remarkable women were recognized for their significant contributions by being inducted into the Iowa Women's Hall of Fame on Saturday, August 24 at the State Historical Building in Des Moines. The event was held in conjunction with Women's Equality Day, August 26, which commemorates the day in 1920 when American women won the right to vote.

The Iowa Women's Hall of Fame is sponsored by the Iowa Commission on the Status of Women (ICSW). Governor Thomas J. Vilsack and Lieutenant Governor Sally J. Pederson presented awards to Bonnie Campbell, Alice Yost Jordan, and Shirley Ruedy. A posthumous award acknowledged Sue Ellen Follon.

Also at the ceremony, the ICSW presented Reverend Carlos Jayne with the Cristine Wilson Medal for Equality and Justice. This medal is awarded periodically to an Iowan whose life exemplifies the work of Cristine Wilson, who was the first chair of the ICSW and who spent her life working toward equality and justice.

This year marked the 28th Iowa Women's Hall of Fame induction ceremony. For a book containing the pictures and biographies of these women, send \$5, which includes shipping and handling, to the ICSW, Lucas State Office Building, Des Moines, IA 50319. Biographies of all 112 inductees can be read on-line on the Iowa Women's Hall of Fame page of <www.state.ia.us/dhr/sw>. A publication listing biographies of the Cristine Wilson Award recipients is also available on-line.

Bonnie Campbell

Bonnie Campbell of Washington, D.C. is a staunch supporter of women's freedom from violence. Born in Norwich, New York in 1948, Campbell grew up in a modest family of dairy farmers and was the first person in her family to graduate from high school. While listening to a campaign speech at the age of 16, she was inspired to public service. After high school graduation, she moved to Washington, D.C. to work for the Department of Housing and Urban Development and later, for three U.S. Senators. After moving to Iowa and a stint with U.S. Senator Culver, she became a full-time student at Drake University, earning a bachelor's degree in 1982 and a law degree in 1984. She chaired the Iowa Democratic Party for two years, the first woman to do so. Elected in 1990, she became Iowa's first woman Attorney General and while in office authored one of the nation's first anti-stalking laws. She ran unsuccessfully for governor in 1994. In 1995, President Clinton appointed Campbell as the first director of the Violence Against Women Office, an agency of the U.S. Department of Justice. In that position, Campbell had the opportunity to travel throughout the country and to other nations. After her service as a member of the U.S. Delegation to the United Nations' Fourth World Conference on Women held in Beijing, she became a leading spokesperson on international human rights. Named in *Time* magazine as one of the 25 most influential people in America in 1997, Campbell continues her work in private practice.



Sue Ellen Follon

Volga native Sue Ellen Follon was a visionary leader and advocate for women. *The Des Moines Register* described her impact in this way: "You may never have heard her name, but there's a good chance she has touched your life." From 1976 through 1984, Follon was the Executive Director of the Iowa Commission on the Status of Women. She worked to expand the Commission's influence and scope by revising rape and sexual abuse laws; holding public hearings on domestic abuse, displaced homemakers, and the feminization of poverty; sponsoring a conference and brochure on Title IX; and leading Iowa to become the first state in the nation to take legislative action to address inequities in many facets of life. Follon then went on to become the first woman to serve as Vice President at the University of Northern Iowa. As the Vice President of Educational and Student Services, she supervised nine departments to help ensure the quality of student life. The hallmarks of her leadership were student-centeredness and leadership development. She was active in her community, working with civic groups, businesses, and local government. She made over 150 presentations from the local to the international level on the subjects of women's equality, leadership, higher education, and mentors for women and minorities. Follon earned a doctorate in higher education administration from Drake University in 1983. Born in 1942, Follon died on November 4, 1998, the day after voters passed the equal rights amendment to the Iowa Constitution.



Alice Yost Jordan

Internationally known, Alice Yost Jordan is one of the most distinguished and published American composers. She is best known for her choral and organ works numbering over 200, which have sold over 250,000 copies. A recital song, *Take Joy Home* (text: Jean Ingelow) commissioned by Sherrill Milnes, of Metropolitan Opera fame, and Jon Spong, pianist, received world-wide exposure on concert tours, was performed at the White House for a State Dinner in 1983 and is recorded on compact disc. Her arrangement of *America The Beautiful*, commissioned by the Iowa High School Music Association for the All-State Chorus and Orchestra, opens the All-State Festival Concert biennially. Other works commissioned by churches, universities and organizations across the United States total 40. Born in Davenport December 31, 1916, but a life-long resident of Des Moines, she graduated from Drake University, where she studied composition at the undergraduate and graduate levels with the late Dr. Francis J. Pyle. Grand View College conferred the Honorary Degree: Doctor of Letters in 1986. With her husband, the late Dr. Frank B. Jordan, former dean of the College of Fine Arts at Drake, she has been active in the cultural and educational life of Des Moines.



Shirley Ruedy

Shirley Ruedy of Cedar Rapids is a nationally recognized cancer journalist and survivor. Twice diagnosed with breast cancer, Ruedy conceived a biweekly "Cancer Update" column that *The Gazette* began publishing in 1991. By intertwining her original writings, guest columns by cancer experts, and readers' questions, her column is devoted exclusively to cancer. It frequently addresses issues specific to women, including breast and uterine cancer, mammography, tamoxifen, and hormone replacement therapy. "Cancer Update," perhaps the only such column in the United States, is carried in the Patient Education Center at the Mayo Clinic Women's Cancer Program. Each October, in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Ruedy runs a column she co-wrote with a surgeon about the life journey of a breast cancer cell. She not only reaches her audience through her column, but also as a speaker. Serving as a role model and positive advocate for all those who have been diagnosed with cancer, Ruedy says that "for women to be in full and equal participation in our society, they must first be alive." She was born in Anamosa on January 14, 1936.



Cristine Wilson Medal Recipient Reverend Carlos Jayne

Reverend Carlos Jayne personifies equality and justice. He is currently a lobbyist for social justice issues, having retired as a "second career" United Methodist pastor and serving as Legislative Advocate for the church for almost 20 years. His advocacy includes issues affecting people who are homeless, in prison, experiencing discrimination, or trying to get off welfare. He is active in opposing gambling expansion, preserving the environment and the family farm, opposing reinstatement of the death penalty, advocating worker rights, immigrant rights and economic justice for all, moving the criminal justice system toward restorative justice policies, supporting women's reproductive rights, establishing civil rights for gay and lesbian persons, and the prevention of gun violence. Jayne has been the coordinator for Iowa Human Needs Advocates; served on the Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Committee for 15 years; is founder of Friends of Prisoners at Mitchellville, now known as Friends of Iowa Women Prisoners; and is co-founder of the Justice Reform Consortium. He is past president of Citizens for Gambling Free Government, Des Moines Coalition for the Homeless and the Des Moines Area Hunger Hike. He served on both the Waterloo and Des Moines Human Rights Commissions. Jayne traveled to Nicaragua in 1984 with Witness for Peace and to the West Bank and Gaza Strip in 1988 and 1989 with Eyewitness Israel. In 1993, Jayne was awarded an Amnesty International Recognition for human rights work (Local Group 277).



Do you know a remarkable woman?

Do you know someone who should be in the Iowa Women's Hall of Fame?

- Is the community and/or state better for her contributions?
- Are people in general better because of her accomplishments?
- Are women in Iowa, the region, and/or United States better, has their status improved, or have opportunities increased for women because of her life and contributions, and/or
- Is the nation, world, or a particular discipline, profession, or field better because of her contributions?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, contact the Iowa Commission on the Status of Women for a 2003 nomination form: 515/281-4461, 800/558-4427, dhr.icsw@dhr.state.ia.us or get it on-line at <www.state.ia.us/dhr/sw/iafame>.

Iowans in Transition Grants Awarded

Fiscal Year 2002

During the last fiscal year, 1,638 Iowans in Transition were served statewide by programs including the Des Moines Area Community College on the Boone, Carroll and Des Moines urban campuses, Northeast Iowa Community College on the Calmar and Dubuque campuses, Southwestern Community College in Creston, Eastern Iowa Community College District in Davenport, Iowa Lakes Community College in Estherville, and Women Aware, Inc. in Sioux City.

Of the 1,638 served, 111 were male while 1,572 were female offenders, single parents, or displaced homemakers, and 43% were receiving welfare at the time of intake. Ages of participants ranged from 124 under age 19 to seven age 65 or more, with 914 between 20 and 34, 522 between 35 to 54, and 71 from 55 to age 64. While 16 were of unknown race, there were 168 African-American, 79 Latina, 59 American Indian, and 9 Asian or Pacific Islander, with the majority at 1,307 white.

The program funding is to be used with an emphasis on helping participants achieve economic self-sufficiency through education, training, and job placement in conjunction with other agencies. Last year's reports indicated that 914 attended a workshop or seminar, 1,445 received an assessment and counseling, 641 needed support services of child care or transportation assistance, 156 achieved ABE, GED, or ESL training, 398 had academic upgrading, 1,052 trained for a degree, while 180 found part-time work and 262 were hired for full-time work.

Fiscal Year 2003

Selection committee members reviewed 13 proposals to ultimately recommend funding to 5 proposals: \$22,500 to Boone and Carroll, \$18,500 to Calmar and Dubuque, \$17,000 to Des Moines, \$25,000 to Estherville, and \$23,000 to Sioux City. The total of \$106,000 reflects the 39% decrease in state appropriation for grants from FY02. The committee comprised Angie Jameson, Lori McCormick, Joan Moll, and Jule Reynolds, with Vicki Brown, ICSW commissioner, and Charlotte Nelson, administrator.

Scholarships Announced for Female Prisoners

Friends of Iowa Women Prisoners (FIWP) announced scholarships to 18 women enabling each to take at least one 3 or 4 hour course during the fall semester.

The Iowa Correctional Institution for Women (ICIW) in Mitchellville will assist by paying the costs associated with televised instruction from Kirkwood Community College via the Iowa Communications Network. The state appropriation for educational purposes in the prison systems throughout Iowa dropped this fiscal year from \$3 million to \$100,000, not even enough to cover costs associated with the high school equivalency.

FIWP awards scholarships from private tax-deductible gifts. Anyone interested in making a donation may send a check payable to the United Methodist Foundation, and mail it to 500 East Court, Des Moines IA 50309. All donations received by December 15th will be available for the winter, 2003 semester applications.

Happy Anniversary! ICSW Turns 30

The Iowa Commission on the Status of Women became a statutory state agency in 1972. Prior to that it existed as a Governor's Commission under Harold Hughes from 1963 to 1968 and under Robert Ray from 1970 to 1972. In 1986, ICSW became a division in the newly formed Department of Human Rights

ICSW seeks to assure equality for Iowa women, working to equalize their opportunities and to promote full participation by women in the economic, political, and social life of the state.

Your Input Needed

Do you have a vested interest in the improved status of girls and/or women in Iowa? And, would you like the opportunity to influence the Iowa Commission on the Status of Women's 2003 Legislative Proposals?

If so, consider testifying at the Commission's annual Public Hearing at the Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Iowa Coalition Against Sexual Assault Conference Room, 2603 Bell Avenue, Des Moines. The date has yet to be determined, and will be held in late October or early November.

Persons or groups who have an interest in issues affecting Iowa women/girls are invited to participate. Those who wish to present **written information** for consideration at the public hearing must have 15 copies of the material in the office by **4:30 p.m., Monday, October 21:** Iowa Commission on the Status of Women, Lucas State Office Building, Des Moines, IA 50319.

Persons or groups wishing to participate in the **oral discussion** of one or more hearing topics (for no longer than 5 minutes) should call or write for scheduling on the agenda. Deadline for scheduling oral discussion is **12:30 p.m., Friday, October 18:** Lori SchraderBachar at 515/281-4470, 800/558-4427, or lori.schraderbachar@dhr.state.ia.us. Persons/groups may also submit written material by the above-mentioned date to complement their oral presentation.

Topics may include but are **not limited** to family, child care, health, insurance, corrections, pay equity, violence, sports, education, caregiving, displaced homemakers, sexual harassment, employment issues, health care reform, business/economic issues, divorce, housing, and welfare reform.



Domestic Violence Projects Listed

If you or someone you know is a victim of domestic violence, consider calling the domestic violence project nearest you. Also, note that many of the domestic violence projects also serve as sexual assault projects. This list was provided by the Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence, 515/244-8028.

Adel		Decorah		Muscatine
Crisis Line	800/400-4884	Crisis Line	800/383-2988	Crisis Line
Spanish Line	800/550-0004	Office	319/382-1260	Office
Office	515/993-4095	Des Moines		Oskaloosa
Algona		Crisis Line	515/243-6147	Crisis Line
Crisis Line	877/295-6958	Office	515/471-8699	Office
Office	515/295-8646	Dubuque		Ottumwa
Ames		Crisis Line	800/332-5899	Crisis Line
Crisis Line	800/203-3488	Office	563/556-3371	Office
Office	515/232-5418	Fort Dodge		Shenandoah
Atlantic		Crisis Line	888/356-2006	Crisis Line
Crisis Line	800/696-5123	Office	515/955-2273	Office
Office	712/243-6615	Grundy Center		Sioux Center
Burlington		Crisis Line	888/746-4673	Crisis Line
Crisis Line	800/693-1399	Office	319/824-5522	Office
Office	319/752-0606	Iowa City		Sioux City
Carroll		Crisis Line	800/373-1043	Crisis Line
Crisis Line	800/383-9744	Office	319/351-1043	Office
Office	712/792-6722	Jefferson		Spencer
Cedar Rapids		Crisis Line	888/386-5206	Crisis Line
Crisis Line	319/363-2093	Office	515/386-5206	Office
Office	319/365-1458	Keokuk		Waterloo
Cherokee		Crisis Line	800/498-5095	Crisis Line
Crisis Line	800/225-7233	Office	319/524-8520	Office
Office	712/225-5003	Knoxville		Waverly
Clinton		Crisis Line	800/433-7233	Crisis Line
Crisis Line	800/381-9319	Office	641/828-8888	Office
Office	319/242-2118	Logan		Deaf Women of Iowa Against Abuse
Council Bluffs		Crisis Line	712/644-2946	Office/TTY
Crisis Line	888/612-0266	Office	712/644-2946	515/244-0875
Office	712/328-3086	Marshalltown		Latinas Unidas por un Nuevo Amanecer (LUNA)
Creston		Crisis Line	800/779-3512	Office
Crisis Line	888/782-6632	Office	641/752-3245	515/244-8028
Office	641/782-2706	Mason City		State Hotline
Davenport		Crisis Line	800/479-9071	800/942-0333
Crisis Line	563/326-9191	Office	641/424-9071	
Office	563/322-1200			

Women Business Owners

Over one in 18 adult women in the U.S. and in Iowa - 5.7% - is a business owner. Alaska boasts the highest rate of female entrepreneurship, with 9.4% of the adult women in the state owning businesses. Mississippi is the lowest with only 1 in 25 or 4.0% of the women in the state acting as business owners, according to a new analysis from the Center for Women's Business Research. Iowa is ranked 34th in the nation with 5.5% women business owners.

The research is based on analysis of both business and household Census data and draws from the December 2001 report by the Center, "Women-Owned Businesses in 2002: Trends in the U.S. and 50 States." The complete research brief, which contains ranking information for each of the 50 states and the District of Columbia, is available at the Center's Web site, <www.womensbusinessresearch.org>.

Calendar of Events

September

Latino Heritage Month (Sept. 15-Oct. 15) and Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month

- 6 Coffee with Chrysalis - Run, Jane, Run! Encouraging Women to Run for Office.** 7:30-8:30 a.m., Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, Des Moines. Free. RSVP by September 3 to Chrysalis Foundation, 515/255-1853 or info@chrysalisfdn.org.
- 6 Iowa Gender-Specific Services Task Force.** 10 a.m.-12 noon., Urbandale Public Library, Urbandale. ICSW, 515/281-4461, 800/558-4427, or dhr.icsw@dhr.state.ia.us.
- 10 VOTE: School Elections.**
- 14 Early Iowa Pioneer Women.** 1 p.m. Knoxville Public Library, Knoxville. 641/828-0585.
- 14 Iowa Women's Music Festival.** 12 noon-5 p.m. Upper City Park, Iowa City. www.prairievoices.net.
- 19 Women and Money: Personal Finance.** 6:30-8:30 p.m. Meeting Room A, Iowa City Public Library. Iowa Women's Foundation, 319/337-4222 or lisa@iawf.org.
- 26 Iowa City Human Rights Commission 19th Annual Human Rights Awards Breakfast.** 7:30 a.m., Iowa Memorial Union Wayne Richey Ballroom, Iowa City. Speaker: Dave Leshtz, Iowa Civil Rights Commission chairperson. Heather Shank, 319/356-5022.
- 30 Is High School Still Horrible?** 7 p.m., Urbandale Public Library, Urbandale. American Association of University Women - Des Moines Branch, 515/271-9476 or 515/965-3404.

October

Native American, Domestic Violence, Breast Cancer, AIDS, and National Disability Employment Awareness Month

- 3 Friends of Iowa Civil Rights, Inc. Awards Luncheon.** 11:30 a.m., Younkers Tea Room, Des Moines. \$25. For tickets or more information, contact Dawn Peterson, 515/281-8086 or dawn.peterson@icrc.state.ia.us.
- 4 Iowa Gender-Specific Services Task Force Annual Fall Retreat.** 9:30 a.m.- 3:30 p.m., Indian Creek Nature Center, Cedar Rapids. Please join the task force in a fun, relaxed atmosphere, while learning about issues that affect girls & young women. ICSW, 515/281-4461, 800/558-4427, or dhr.icsw@dhr.state.ia.us.

- 8-9 Iowa HIV Conference 2002: Successes, Challenges and Renewed Commitment.** Holiday Inn Airport, Des Moines. \$85. Iowa Departments of Public Health and Education. 319/363-2531 or www.traningresources.org.
- 16 Children's Records Law in Iowa.** Hotel Fort Des Moines, Des Moines. \$199. Lorman Education Services, 715/833-3940 or www.lorman.com.
- 16 Fourth Annual Love Your Body Day.** www.nowfoundation.org.
- 17 Women and Money: Ethical Consumerism.** 6:30-8:30 p.m. Meeting Room A, Iowa City Public Library. Iowa Women's Foundation, 319/337-4222 or lisa@iawf.org.
- 18 National Mammography Day.**
- 19 Race for the Cure.** Des Moines. For more information, call 515/245-4167.
- 23 Voices of Mid-life & Older Women Meeting.** 6 p.m. Mama Lacona's, Urbandale. Althea Rausch, 515/222-1114.
- 24 Insights from the Women of Des Moines Luncheon.** 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Hoyt Sherman Place, Des Moines. \$20. Speaker: Mary Chapman. Chrysalis Foundation, 515/255-1853 or info@chrysalisfdn.org.
- 30 Iowa Women's Foundation Annual Grants Award Luncheon.** 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Holiday Inn & Conference Center, Iowa City. Iowa Women's Foundation, 319/337-4222 or turner@iawf.org.
- 31 Moving Right Along: Alzheimer's Disease Educational Conference.** Holiday Inn Airport, Des Moines. Great Iowa Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, 515/263-2464, 800/738-8071.

November

- 1 Closing the Achievement Gap: It's Everyone's Responsibility!"** Fee varies. Polk County Convention Complex, Des Moines. FINE Foundation, 515/261-0004 or jvaske@finefoundation.org.
- 1 Iowa Gender-Specific Services Task Force.** 10 a.m.-12 noon., Urbandale Public Library, Urbandale. ICSW, 515/281-6915, 800/558-4427, or dhr.icsw@dhr.state.ia.us.
- 2 Des Moines Women's Club Annual Bazaar.** Hoyt Sherman Place, Des Moines. 515/244-0507 x.210.
- 8 Coffee with Chrysalis - Our Community of Women: Valuing Ethnic Diversity.** 7:30-8:30 a.m., Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, Des Moines. Free. RSVP by September 5 to Chrysalis Foundation, 515/255-1853 or info@chrysalisfdn.org.

Bits and Pieces

The ICSW extends a thank you to intern **Jennifer Farrell**. Farrell, a senior English and women's studies student from the University of Northern Iowa, worked with the ICSW during the summer semester studying gender bias in elementary and teacher preparation textbooks.



Governor Thomas J. Vilsack will proclaim October 5, 2002 as **Bertha Holt** day in Iowa to recognize her efforts and commemorate her induction into the National Women's Hall of Fame. Holt, born in Des Moines, started the Holt Adoption Program from her home, which is now Holt International Children's Services. She and her husband helped change the world's attitude about adoption. She demonstrated that differences in nationality or race are not barriers to forming a healthy normal family. She will be inducted into the

National Women's Hall of Fame on October 5 in Seneca Falls, New York.



In order to exercise your right to vote, you must be registered. You may **register to vote** by going, in person, to the office of your city clerk or county auditor. Or, by mail, you may register by completing the correct postcard registration form, obtainable from your city clerk, county auditor, all state offices, in many public buildings, and on the Iowa Secretary of State's website, <www.sos.state.ia.us>. Registration must be completed by August 30 to be eligible to vote in the September 10 school elections and October 26 for the general election on November 5.



Of the six requests received, three individuals were chosen to receive awards from the **Friends of ICSW Endowment Fund** this year, which helps

women wanting to participate in an educational program or increase their employment opportunities: 1.) \$318 to assist with tuition for massage therapy training, 2.) \$375 to pay for a real estate class, exam fee and license, and 3.) \$500 to assist with tuition and books for a nursing class. Awards were announced at the annual Friends of ICSW fundraising luncheon on August 24, 2002.



The Iowa Commission on the Status of Women was saddened by the deaths of two Iowa Women's Hall of Fame members. **Mildred Wirt Benson** of Toledo, Ohio, was the first writer of the Nancy Drew series. She died on May 28, 2002. **Jacqueline Day**, of Des Moines, was instrumental in establishing the Commission on the Status of Women and the first annual Iowa Women's Hall of Fame. She died on June 23, 2002.



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